ORIGINAL AND BEST PICTURE OF

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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The growing fame of ABRAHAM LINCOLN has created a universal desire for a true and satisfactory likeness of him. Indeed, no collection of portraits would be complete if it lacked the familiar face of this typical American—our Martyr-President.

No representation of ABRAHAM LINCOLN—whether it be a painting, etching, engraving, or any kind of hand-work—can at all compare with the fidelity and realism of this

PHOTOGRAPH FROM LIFE!

The original negative was taken at Springfield, Ill., in June, 1860, immediately after Mr. Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency. The simple incident of my having brought it from Chicago in 1867, happily preserved it from destruction in the Great Fire of October, 1871.

Every line, spot, wrinkle, and peculiar characteristic of Mr. Lincoln's remarkable countenance—all united in most felicitous expression—appear in the photographs which I have the honor to offer the American people.

My Lincoln Negative No. 1.

Respecting the indisputable merits of this likeness, my testimonials—beginning with the approval of MR. LINCOLN himself—are from his most intimate personal friends, and political and professional associates :

William H. Herndon, Esq.—Lincoln's Law-partner.
Mrs. Harriet A. Chapman—a relative, who lived with Lincoln.
Maj. H. C. Whitney—Author of "Life on the Circuit with Lincoln."
Hon. John Hay—now Secretary of State, and
Col. John G. Nicolay—Lincoln's Private Secretaries.
Mrs. Emily Todd Helm—sister of Mrs. Lincoln.
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Mr. John B. Drake—Proprietor of the "Tremont House," Chicago.
Mr. Wm. Osborn Stoddard—Author, and a Secretary at the White House.
Hon. Robert M. Hitt—Congressman from Illinois, and
Horace White, Esq.—both Correspondents, with Lincoln, 1858.
Mr. Leonard W. Volk—Sculptor of Lincoln statues, from life.
Mr. Oliver C. Fordham—a favorite of Lincoln's, in Chicago.
Gen. R. M. Wallace, Hon. Lyman Trumbull, David Quigg, Esq., Hon. Jas. R. Doolittle—all intimate associates of Lincoln's, in Chicago.

Gen. Jno. M. Palmer—of Illinois. ex-U. S. Senator.
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Hon. Justin S. Morrill—of Strafford. Vt., oldest in Congressional service.
Hon. Henry W. Blodgett—of Waukegan, Ill., ex-U. S. District Judge.
Col. A. K. McClure—distinguished Editor of *The Times*, Philadelphia.
Hon. J. O. Cunningham—of Urbana, Ill., a fellow-lawyer.
Mr. T. H. Bartlett—of Boston, Sculptor and well-known Art-Lecturer.
Hon. Clark E. Carr—of Galesburg, Ill., Lincoln's Minister to Denmark.
Mr. Noah Brooks—contributor to *The Century*, New York.
Hiram Beckwith, Esq.—of Danville, Ill., a law-student under Lincoln.
Mr. William B. Wilson—a War-Telegrapher, at Washington.
Hon. Jno. M. Scott—of Bloomington, Ill., ex-Chief Justice of that State.
Mr. Chas. ("Carleton") Coffin—of Boston, War-Correspondent.
Mr. James W. Somers—Washington City, old lawyer-friend.
Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D.—knew Lincoln intimately.

A copy of this Testimonial-Circular, together with an account of the discovery and preservation of the negatives, is given with every picture.

SIZES AND PRICES.—Platinum prints, on best quality of heavy French paper, 20x27 inches, mounted on 22x28 card, $15. This size is an enlargement from the original negative, made by Mr. William H. Rau, the distinguished Philadelphia photographer, is practically life-size, and beyond question the most striking head of Lincoln extant!

Platinum prints, 8x10 inches, exact size of the original negative, $5. Plain photographs, (silver prints.) 8x10 inches, $3.

Scratching and slight injury to the old negatives (over thirty years ago,) make necessary a certain amount of careful and judicious brush-work on the prints, simply in order to render the photograph perfect; but it is done *without affecting the accuracy of the portrait* in the least degree. This necessarily prevents their ever becoming cheap in price; but in this way only can these photographs be made presentable, and attain the *fresh and perfect condition* in which they are now offered to the lovers of Lincoln.

My Lincoln Negative No. 2.

While the foregoing refers to my negative No. 1—the more popular of the *two* in my possession—I also furnish Platinum and Silver prints, 8x10 inches, *from my No. 2*,—at the prices afore-mentioned.

This No. 2 negative was taken at same time (June, 1860.) with the No. 1. It presents a front-face view, and while not quite equal to its superb companion, it is still *a good likeness*, well taken, and is important and valuable as an item of "Lincolniana."

Platinum-prints from *both* negatives, 8x10 size, when ordered as a pair, $9; Silver prints, $5.

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